



## **BARONIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM MARCH 2010**

Held at the Caltech "Y" on March 11, 2010



**ATTENDEES:** Baron John ap Griffin, Baroness Flavia Beatrice Carmigniani, Baroness Gabrielle nicChlurain, Lady Theodosia of the Isles, Lady Dalphina Delacroix, THL Catharine Hawkwod, THL Tomaso da Barbiano, Lady Antoinette Rosaura dela Villaverde, Lord AEoelwigg AElfwigsson, Baron Alewaulfe the Red, Baron Robert John of Cedarwood, Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill, Lord Gerritt Raynor, Lord Amalgaid mac Donnucáin, THL Cormac Mór, Christine Foster, Baron Jason Thomas the Wanderer, Baroness Morgaine FitzStephen, Lord Peter Cadarn, Baroness Justina Marie of Burgundy, Lord Tobias Meerschlange.

**ABSENT OFFICERS/EVENT STEWARDS:** Duchess Natalya de Foix & Jean-Christophe Messier (Co-Chroniclers) due to overtime at work; THL Owain ap Gwyllim Pengryth (Castellan) marshalling at College of St. Firmin (Altavia/CSUN) fighter practice

**PROCEEDINGS:** THL Cormac called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**GREETINGS & OPENING COMMENTS:** *Baron John and Baroness Flavia* – It was a good Crown Tourney, if wet, and a good school demo. Chatsworth is preparing for their Medieval Fair. We had some good fighters, including Lord Kuma, and Blue beat him a few times. It's a busy month and we are pleased that things have gone well. We all knew going in that we would have a brand new king and queen, as none of the fighters in the list were Royal Peers. Sir Conrad Breakring won Crown, so we have a king and queen from Starkhafn. This weekend we are going to Calafia/Gyldenholt Friendship Tourney and the Robin Hood tourney.

**SENESCHAL'S COMMENTS & REPORT:** *Baroness Gabrielle* – The Order of the Pelican invited Duke Edric. He was in tears, and was elevated on the spot. Thank you everyone for coming tonight. We've got a lot to discuss.

### **OFFICER REPORTS:**

**HERALD'S REPORT:** *THL Cormac* – March is Heraldry Month so please register your name and device.

**Canton of the Canyons:** *Lord Tobias Meerschlange* – Walnut does not charge non-profits to use their parks. He will get the number for information. Also, he'd like to see us continue to sell t-shirts at Collegium. Instead of same shirt every year, he'd like to see an Angels-sponsored contest at GWW, people's choice, for t-shirt artwork. Perhaps sell t-shirts at Melee.

**College of the Voyagers:** *Lord Fáelán MacCearbhaill* – May Day report below

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**GWW Artist Enclave/A&S:** *Lady Theodosia* – We had a fabulous meeting on 2/28, and another one at Crown Tourney. Lots of things were figured out. If you have questions, please talk to her; likewise, if you want to volunteer or help.

**Sunshade Fabric:** *Lady Dalphina* – Lord Amalgaid hasn't been able to do research on cost of fabric. We are looking at a period-looking sunshade as a traveling pavilion. Baron John noted that, per Viscountess Lorissa, Altavia just placed order for a 15'x25' dragonwing, purchased with poles, and they are having stakes and ropes made by a local Altavian. Cost: just over \$1,000 for wing, poles, and shipping. Purchasing from John Torres. Moved by Baroness Gabrielle: The Barony will purchase a second pavilion in the style of a dragonwing; seconded by Lord Amalgaid. Discussion: do we need a design that big? If only three or four people go, can we justify the use of a large pavilion? Current size of main baronial pavilion body – 20x20. Motion withdrawn, taken to the list for further discussion.

Baroness Gabrielle then broke the discussion into 2 elements, and first proposed a vote – should the barony purchase a pavilion in the form of a dragon wing? Discussion followed regarding the size of the dragon wing vs. the barony's needs. Baroness Flavia says that the problem with the current pavilion is number of people needed to set up. THL Cormac gave a description of his design vs. dragon wing. It is more versatile, smaller in size, and much cheaper. Lady Dalphina points out that we don't have to get any particular size. Baroness Morgaine says that we have the option of additional configurations with the current pavilion. At that point, Baroness Gabrielle withdrew her motion and will take discussion to the list. Several people will chase down additional information. Baroness Justina will look into panther pavilions and what they can do for us.

**Demos:** *Baroness Gabrielle* – Thank you to Baron John, THL Catharine, THL Tomaso, and Michael of Angels for participating in the recent Cub Scout Demo on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. It lasted ½ hour and the scouts have never been that quiet. After the demo, the fighters let scouts put on the armor and carry the swords. Committee Chair for the pack says the scouts still talk about it.

**Mulholland Middle School Demo:** *THL Catharine* - Demo will be held March 26 at THL Owain's school. They are looking for people to come out during the day. Fighters, eric, doing various things, illumination, things that mesh into the subject units (education, politics, King and Queen, guards, pageantry. Daily life, what children would have done, etc. If you do it in the SCA, they could use it out there.) Baroness Flavia offered that if they want to borrow the chairs again, they are welcome to come and get them. THL Catharine will post to the list what we had from last year and noted that THL Owain has put this information on several lists. The demo starts at 9 am, so please be there between 8am and 8:30.

**Newcomers:** *THL Catharine* - Christine (newcomer) coming to council. Rebekah, a new fighter at fighter practice, looking for feast gear but has her own garb. We had two other people at Crown Tourney who live in the Fabric District. Dug out some extra garb, they stuck around 'til closing and will be coming to Robin Hood – they need loaner everything. The photographer we met at Angels Melee has been attention more events and appears to be hooked on the SCA.

**Exchequer:** *Lady Dalphina* - Upcoming expenses: We need money for trailer fund. Moved by THL Cormac, seconded by Baroness Morgaine, unanimously approved to move \$100 to the trailer fund. If we buy a second pavilion, we're really going to need to step up fundraising. Baroness Gabrielle will not approve purchasing the pavilion unless we have the money to pay for it.

**Collegium Caidis** – *Baroness Gabrielle* Collegium is free this year; there is no need for anyone to go through registration so we don't know how many people we're going to get at Collegium. The Barony is providing lunch and we need to know what we have in storage that we don't need to buy (napkins, plates, etc.) Baroness Gabrielle moved to advance \$300 to Baroness Justina to purchase food; seconded by Baron Jason. Unanimously approved.

**Baronial vs. Royal Court:** *Baroness Gabrielle* - When a new Crown Prince and Princess are made, they send out emails to geopolitical groups to ask for people to be on Royal Court. We have a barony to take care of as well. There are about 25-30 people who really run the barony. Talk to Their Excellencies if you're interested in Royal Court, however, if you're at an event and attending to Royals, we'll miss you. The reign lasts from June through November. A couple of baronies, when asked, have said that they can't spare someone to follow Royals around, but are willing to loan people when at their events. We have a six-week window where we're hosting Crown, hosting 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and sponsoring A&S for GWW. If we pile on too much more work, we're going to burn out. It's nice to serve, but it's a lot of work, you hear a lot of gossip and the meaning of "confidentiality" really comes into play. Its important to understand that what you may hear or see, cannot be repeated to anyone including a significant other.

**Largesse:** *Lord Amalgaid* – We need items for Voyagers and Coronation; Their Majesties will not be attending Voyagers May Day. He will bring the box to Robin Hood, parse out bits and pieces. Baroness Morgaine offered to make a shawl as a stepping-down gift for Her Majesty. For stepping up, how about gas cards?

**Kingdom Calendar 2011** *Baroness Gabrielle* – The rules were changed two years ago that we can't submit baronial dates unless we offer to host two kingdom events in the year. After discussion with Their Excellencies, Angels submitted for Spring Crown March 2011 and Festival of the Rose for Summer 2011. Baroness Gabrielle also submitted Angels Events: Melee on the weekend after MLK day (*January 15 or 22*), Robin Hood (*March 6 or 13*), Voyagers May Day (May 7), Angels (September 10 or 17), Canyons Nautical Tourney (October 29), and Yule (December 3 or 10).

**Raffles** *Baroness Gabrielle* – We are not having a raffle at Robin Hood. For a raffle to be successful, you have to have advertisements. If we're going to do baskets, it's not going to be housed at Trimble or Wahlquist residence. Need to be put together the week before, find a place to keep them.

**Angels Anniversary:** *Baroness Gabrielle* – Angels Anniversary: Baroness Gabrielle has not heard back from the city regarding the site. We need to be planning. Do we have a volunteer to be one main person to work with Gabrielle on anniversary. Lord Fáelán volunteers. Everyone in the room will be on the committee. Theme proposed: Ruby and gold (40<sup>th</sup> anniversary is ruby). At Robin Hood it will be discussed. Having a feast that night would be difficult because it's hard to get a site that will allow it.

**Robin Hood Tourney:** *Lord AEoelwigg* – We're done, ready to go. Weather will be good. List of expenses are in the car. Don't forget sunscreen. Square foot of Sherwood Forest has been delivered. Request from THL Catharine: possibly 5 newcomers there and because I wear another hat that would allow me to be a Chatelaine, could I do a newcomers meeting if I do it in the A&S area? Yes. Question from Baron Jason: will the arrow be there? Lady Antoinette: yes, it'll be there, Lord Cristofanus Castellani is bringing an axe and case for prize for thrown weapons.

**Food at Collegium:** *Baroness Justina* Food at Collegium - she needs money for the setup (April council meeting is 2 days before the event). She wants a minimum of \$200. She does not have a budget, but assures us that lots of money will be made. THL Cormac moved to allocate \$350 to Baroness Justina for food with additional depending on actual monies spent, not to exceed \$500. Baroness Gabrielle asked how many are we planning to feed? Last time we were there we had 225 people attending. Lord Amalgaid asked for an estimate on cost vs. return. Several people emphasized that we have no control over the attendance. Baroness Gabrielle suggested that we plan to feed 150 to 175. Baroness Justina is looking at \$5 per plate. Baroness Gabrielle suggested that we advance \$300 for food at Collegium at this time. It was so proposed, seconded, and passed without opposition.

**Voyagers May Day/Kingdom Sciences Day:** *Lord Fáelán* We have some site issues we had to work with but we're back in Tournament Park, which cost us considerably less than it did two years ago. There's room for 3 or 4 pop-ups but we don't want too many. There is no room for pavilions.

**Fall Crown Tournament:** *THL Cormac* He wants to have a misting tent, since it will be very hot. Misting hose is about \$50 and we'd need an available water spigot. He would like to make the purchase. Lord AEoelwigg moved; motion seconded and passed.

THL Cormac wants to make pater nosters for site tokens. He is getting bids for the pewter Caidan crosses. He estimates that each would cost about \$.70. THL Catharine said that doing pater nosters would be a bad idea because of the religious issues surrounding it. THL Tomaso suggested using two versions of the site token if we go with the pater noster idea. Baroness Morgaine suggested taking it to the list. Per Baroness Gabrielle, site tokens will be discussed at the next council meeting.

The pancake breakfast is planned as costing \$2.00-2.50 per plate and selling for \$5.

THL Cormac would like to all but require that each landed unit on the eric be required to provide a minimum of support in the form of heralds, marshals, and such.

Lord Tobias has a contact with Walnut as far as getting parks for events. Walnut doesn't charge for parks. He will look into the possibility.

Lord Tobias suggested selling Collegium t-shirts again, with a contest for the design. Discussion was held and it was the general agreement that Collegium t-shirts are a limited venue, however, the possibility of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary T-shirts for Angels was proposed with more discussion next month.

Minutes from the last meeting: THL Cormac moved to approve as submitted. Seconded and approved with 1abstention.

Officer reports: comments – questions aren't good

Tomaso volunteers to contact other officers and come up with a new set of questions.

Officer reports are approved.

**Closing comments:**

Baroness Flavia: Tomorrow is Baroness Gabrielle's birthday. We brought a cake to share. The cake was presented and all made favorable comments.

**Closing Comments:** *Baroness Flavia* Waiting for this meeting to get over with, because it's Gabrielle's birthday.

THL Cormac called the meeting to a close at 8:54 pm.

Minutes recorded by THL Cormac Mór and THL Tomaso da Barbiano, and transcribed by Duchess Natalya de

**THE MARCH COUNCIL MEETING WILL OCCUR ON THURSDAY, APRIL 8, 2010.**